

MEREDITH NAMED BY SCOTTISH RITE

Becomes Deputy for Southern Jurisdiction of United States.

Secretary of Agriculture Edwin T. Meredith announced today to a representative of The Star that he had accepted his appointment as deputy for the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, in the state of Iowa, and that he would henceforth take an active part in the Americanization and charity movements of the Scottish Rite Masons in that state. Secretary Meredith is a Mason of the thirty-third degree.

He said he felt proud of the honor which had been conferred upon him by the Sovereign Grand Commander George Fleming Moore.

He praised the efforts being made in the District of Columbia toward the erection of a central Masonic temple of such proportions and arrangements as to provide for the housing of all the local Masonic bodies and organizations affiliated with them.

Secretary Meredith became a Mason when he was twenty-four years old, in Capital Lodge, No. 116, of Des Moines. He is also a member of Antioch Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and of Temple Commandery, Knights Templar, of Des Moines, but his active work in the past has been confined to Scottish Rite work in Des Moines consistory and he has held the highest offices in the Lodge of Perfection, the Rose Croix Chapter and the Council of Kadus of that jurisdiction.

As deputy for the Supreme Council in Iowa he will be the virtual head of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in that state, supervising and regulating the affairs of all bodies owing allegiance to the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, to which, through him, will be made all nominations for advancement to knight commandery in the Court of Honor and to the thirty-third degree, which is accounted the farthest advanced in Freemasonry.

SUBMARINE VIEWS GIVEN.

German Admiral Gives Craft Big Part in Future Fleet Action.

LONDON, December 31.—The submarine is destined in the future not only to be used as a commerce destroyer, but also to play an important part in fleet action, declares Admiral Reinhardt von Scheer, writing in the weekly newspaper, Die Woche, Berlin, as quoted in a dispatch to the press.

Admiral von Scheer formerly was chief of the German admiralty staff and commander of the German battle fleet.

In this article he expresses the view that the value of the purely surface warship will decline as the submarine develops. Surface ships, he says, have reached the apex of their perfection and cost so much that their preservation is a consideration of greater importance than their use, as evidenced in the late war.

HOLLAND'S QUEEN ILL.

THE HAGUE, December 31.—Holland's first royal New Year reception since the war has been abandoned on account of the indisposition of Queen Wilhelmina. It is said the illness of the queen is only slight.

The establishment of "farm colonies" in California has been urged as a method of reducing the cost of living.

Kind Words Shock Prune Juice; Kicks Officer 15 Times

NEW YORK, January 1.—Homes today were stricken from Patrolman Frank Henrich's list of animals that should be treated with kindness. "Just speak kind words to him," Henrich advised a driver whose innocent-looking truck steered, "Prune Juice" by name, leaping on a alleyway street—and, carrying out his advice by prompt, the blue coat was kicked at least fifteen times before he could retire to a safety zone for medical aid.

GEN. P. C. HARRIS APPEALS FROM COURT SENTENCE

Army Officer, Adjudged in Contempt by Justice Siddons, Was Committed to Jail.

Adj. Gen. Peter C. Harris, U. S. A., who was sentenced by Justice Siddons of the District Supreme Court yesterday to ten days in jail for contempt of court, noted an appeal to the District Court of Appeals yesterday afternoon.

Gen. Harris was thus saved from going to jail by a provision of the law which allows officials of the government sued in their official capacity to prosecute special appeals without the formality of a bond.

He was recently adjudged in contempt of court for refusing to obey an order of Justice Siddons to exhibit an answer to these questions: "What part of the War Department under the selective service law. Assistant United States Attorney Mason, for the officer, at once filed a declaration of record and assignment of errors in the hope of expediting the appeal to an early decision."

Gen. Harris contended that the selective service law forbids the making public of the contents of affidavits filed under its provisions and that the giving of answers to these questions would be against public policy.

Justice Siddons ruled against the contention and directed that the officer appear before him to bring with him the affidavit sought to be used in a divorce proceeding in the Ohio court. He appeared before the court, but declined to show the affidavit. Contempt proceedings were then instituted against him.

NOT ORDERED TO LEAVE.

Colored Physician Denies Warning Due to Election Activity.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., January 1.—In an unswerving statement wired an afternoon paper here, Dr. W. S. Stevens of Quincy, Fla., says that "there was not a word of truth" in the testimony given Thursday before the House census committee in Washington by Walter F. White, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, concerning Stevens being ordered to leave Quincy.

Dispatches quoted Mr. White as having testified that in Quincy, Fla., Dr. W. S. Stevens, a negro, was warned to leave town because of "having" interested himself in negro voting. Stevens stated in his telegram to the newspaper that "a statement was made before the House census committee, Washington, D. C., to the effect that I was ordered to leave this country. There was not a word of truth in it."

SAYS K. OF C. WILL "ABIDE BY OFFER"

Supreme Knight's Reply to Protest Against Memorial Gift to Legion.

NEW YORK, January 1 (Special).—Replying to a resolution of protest, passed by the Baptist ministers' convention in Chicago against the gift by the Knights of Columbus of a \$5,000,000 memorial building to the American Legion, Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia said that the Knights of Columbus would abide by their offer to the legion. Mr. Flaherty, who came to New York with Supreme Advocate Joseph C. Pelletier of Boston and Supreme Secretary William J. McGinley to confer with Herbert Hoover regarding an investigation of reported starvation among the children of Ireland, stated that the Knights of Columbus had not yet had their offer accepted by the legion.

View of the Ministers.
In their resolution the Baptist ministers' convention declared that the gift to the legion would "in a measure be controlled by the Knights of Columbus" and asserted that the project was Rome Catholic propaganda and a diversion of money given for war work by the American people.

Supreme Knight Flaherty, in his reply, said: "The Knights of Columbus offer to the American Legion is not an offer of its money or money of Catholic people, but a disposition of some of the money remaining in its hands and contributed by all the people of the country regardless of race and creed."

Calls It "Trust Fund."
"It is a trust fund, and it is the administration of that fund by the Knights of Columbus. The object has been decided by competent legal opinion to be well within the terms of the trust and the general intention of the donors of the war moneys to the Knights of Columbus. The government of this building, when completed, will be absolutely, wholly and unreservedly in the hands of the American Legion, and in case the legion ceases to exist the property will revert to the nation."

SHOULD BAR HIGH PRICES.

American Manufacturers Urged to Grasp Peru's Trade.

CHICAGO, January 1.—American manufacturers were urged to take immediate steps to grasp the trade of Peru and other South American republics instead of allowing it to return to Europe by F. A. Peset, Peruvian ambassador to the United States, who addressed the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Of all the South American republics, Ambassador Peset said, Peru is the most favorably disposed to the United States. He declared, however, that American goods, but did not want to pay "fancy" prices for them.

F. K. LANE CONSULTS DOCTOR.

ROCHESTER, Minn., January 1.—Franklin K. Lane, former Secretary of the Interior, has arrived here, accompanied by his wife and son, for consultation regarding his physical condition. Franklin Lane, Jr., said his father had been ill for the last six months and was here to determine the exact nature of the ailment.

To start an ordinary street car when loaded with passengers requires 15,000 times as much power as it takes to start a sixteen-candlepower electric light.

SMILES OF THE OPTIMISTS.



This interesting photograph, showing former President William Howard Taft (left) and future President Warren G. Harding (right), at the latter's home at Marion, Ohio, shows that they seem to be in pretty good accord over something.

BRITISHER GIVES ADVICE TO ENGLAND'S INDUSTRIES

Sir Charles Macara Would Give No More Raises in Wages in Money.

By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News, (Copyright, 1921.)
LONDON, January 1.—"All industries in England, as well as those in other countries of the world, are interdependent," said Sir Charles Macara, one of the foremost business men of Great Britain, today. "Unrest in one brings unrest to the others. There must be central bodies to arbitrate disputes. Here at home the ideal way of mitigating trouble is to revive the industrial council, a body composed of thirteen capitalists and thirteen laborers. It was created in 1911 but since then has been neglected by the government."

"In foreign affairs the principle of a league of nations is indispensable, but based on industrial rather than political foundations. The league should at once make use of the international organizations already existing like the Cotton Federation and the Agricultural Institute. These bodies have done yeoman service in the task of international tolerance and comprehension. It is always best to appeal to expert advice in settling specific questions, for amateurs waste time and money."

"Thus, who will be able to regulate the great and vital problem of the future, namely, the shortage in raw material, particularly cotton?"
Sir Charles suggests that hereafter no more raises in wages be given in money. "If," he says, "the workmen feel that they must earn more to face the cost of living they should accept a monetary interest in the industries which give them employment. This principle of industrial co-partnership would help to solve many of the problems pending between capital and labor."

The oldest crane in the world is located in Trier, on the River Mosel, in France. A preserved record shows it was built in 1413.

CLEVELAND JUDGE FACES NEW TRIAL FOR MURDER

Jury That Heard Charges Against W. H. McGannon, Unable to Agree, Is Discharged.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, January 1.—William H. McGannon, chief justice of the municipal court, faces trial a second time on the charge of slaying Harold C. Kagy. The jury, which deliberated his fate on the charge of second-degree murder, was discharged late yesterday, after having been deadlocked practically forty-eight hours.

Fifty-three ballots were taken. With the exception of the first, on which the vote stood seven to five, the balloting was ten to two for conviction. Jurors Arnold Hirschman and Al W. Blick held out for acquittal, they said, because of insufficient evidence. No definite date has been set for the new trial, but it is said it will be held during the next term of court, which begins Monday.

Common Pleas Judge Alvin J. Pearson, who succeeds Judge Maurice Bernon as presiding judge of the criminal branch for the January term, said he did not know when the case would be tried. The dates are fixed by the assignment commissioner, he said.

"There are 300 cases ahead of it," Assignment Commissioner A. J. Kenneally said. "If the presiding judge and the prosecutor elect put it up to me, it will be handled regularly and probably will not come up before the end of February."

Edward C. Stanton, who succeeds Roland Baskin as county prosecutor, today declared he would handle the case when he "gets in the prosecutor's office."

Council for Judge McGannon issued a statement in which they declared that he would be ready for a retrial as soon as he had had a little time in which to rest.

Judge McGannon refused to comment on the outcome of his case. He is at liberty under \$10,000 bail.

FRATERNITY HONORS HAYS

Phi Delta Theta Elect Republican Chairman President.

ATLANTA, January 1.—Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, was unanimously elected president of the general council of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at the closing session of the national convention here. Mr. Hays joined the fraternity at Wabash College, Indiana, where he was graduated in 1900. He has held other offices in the organization. Three new chapters were granted today, giving the fraternity a total of eighty-seven active chapters. The successful applicants were Delta Rho at the University of Montana; Sigma Phi Delta, at Kansas State Agricultural College, and Alpha Pi Lambda, at Colorado State College.

CUPID GAINS OVER BOOZE.

Greater New York Establishes Some Records for 1920.

NEW YORK, January 1.—Dan Cupid, well known archer, set a new record in Manhattan and Brooklyn during 1920. John Barleycorn, on the other hand, had the worst year of his career, sending fewer folk to the workhouse than ever before.

Records issued today showed that 43,807 marriage licenses were issued in Manhattan last year and 23,154 in Brooklyn. The preceding year, 21,530 permits were granted to Brooklyn couples and in 1917—the previous best year in Manhattan—the number was 41,988.

Only 176 persons, of whom 77 were women were sent to the workhouse for intoxication during 1920. Commissioner of Correction Hamilton announced last year that there were 428 such cases. There were 664 in 1918, 1,567 in 1917, 2,361 in 1916 and 4,926 in 1915.

Sunday Funerals Assailed as Cause of Rest-Day Labor

PITTSBURGH, Pa., January 1.—No more Sunday funerals will be held in McKeesport if a movement launched by the McKeesport Ministerial Association is approved by residents of that town.

The ministers claim Sunday funerals compel a great number of persons to work who otherwise would not be required to do so.

The Richland cemetery, near McKeesport, has seconded the ministerial campaign by placing a ban on Sunday burials.

BURIAL IN ARLINGTON.

Body of Rear Admiral Billings to Be Brought Here.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., December 31.—The body of Rear Admiral Luther G. Billings, U. S. N., retired, who died yesterday, will lie in state tomorrow, and Monday it will be sent to Washington, D. C., where, relatives, announced here tonight, plans are being made for burial in the national cemetery at Arlington.

707 AUTO KILLINGS, RECORD.

NEW YORK, January 1.—A record of 707 persons killed by automobiles within New York city was established in 1920, according to statistics made public today. The previous record was 702, established in 1919. Total automobile casualties for the state in 1920 were 1,102.

NEW YORK INAUGURATES GOV. MILLER TODAY

Brilliant Assemblage Gathers at Albany When Oath Is Administered.

ALBANY, N. Y., January 1.—Albany today was host to one of the most brilliant assemblages ever gathered here, thousands visiting the city for the inauguration of Nathan L. Miller of Syracuse as governor.

Men and women prominent in the social and political life of the state, who arrived yesterday for last night's inaugural ball, which was attended by Governor and Mrs. Miller and their family, were joined today by thousands of others representing all walks of life for the impressive ceremonies in the assembly chamber of the capital, where the constitutional oath of office was administered to Gov. Miller by Frank H. Hiscock, chief judge of the court of appeals, and the inaugural parade.

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